

ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVAL

STATE BOARD MEETING DATE December 8, 2008

SUBJECT: Consideration to adopt proposed rules relating to the Early Childhood Certificate and the Early Childhood Endorsement

SUBMITTED BY: Jan Amator, Deputy Associate Superintendent, Highly Qualified Professionals Unit

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: November 13, 2008

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

At its August 6, 2008 meeting, the Certification Advisory Committee approved the proposed rule language to amend R7-2-608 and R7-2-614(L), regarding the Early Childhood Teaching Certificate and the Early Childhood Endorsement. The Board initiated rulemaking procedures for both of these proposed amendments on September 22, 2008.

Summary of proposed amendments to the Early Childhood Certificate:

- Moves the date that this certificate is required from July 1, 2009 to July 1, 2012.

Summary of proposed amendments to the Early Childhood Endorsement:

- Allow teachers with a valid Arizona elementary education certificate or Arizona special education certificate to substitute a passing score on the early childhood professional knowledge portion of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment for the 21 semester hours of early childhood education courses.
- Makes conforming changes relating to the proposed amendment to the Early Childhood Certificate.

A public hearing regarding these proposed rules was held on November 20, 2008. A summary of the comments received at this hearing and throughout the rulemaking process is attached.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [] INFORMATION [X] ACTION/DESCRIBED

That the Board close the rulemaking record and adopt proposed rules R7-2-608 and R7-2-614(L), relating to the Early Childhood Teaching Certificate and the Early Childhood Endorsement.

ATTACHMENTS: YES [X] NO []